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INPUT/OUTPUT SYSTAM AND DATA BACK-UP METHOD

FOR THE SYSTEMS

Group: 2182

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 September 17, 2003

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 CFR 1.55, the applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on the following foreign application filed in Japan:

Application No. 9-098389 filed on April 1, 1997

A certified copy of this foreign application was filed on April 24, 1998, in application Serial No. 09/052,985, the grandparent application of the present continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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